

DESPITE SHOCK
BRITISH HOLD
NORTH SEA

Admiralty Makes That Significant Statement in Reviewing Some of the Inaccuracies in the German Report of the Great Engagement Which Took Place Wednesday

WARSPRITE SAFE
IN HARBOR

The Battleship Marlborough, Which the German Report Said Was Hit by Torpedo, Is Also in Harbor—Only a Part of the British Fleet Was Engaged, Says the Statement

London, June 3.—Captain William Hall, chief of the intelligence division of the admiralty, authorized the Associated Press to say to-day that the German report of the loss of the Marlborough and the Warsprite in the May 31 engagement was absolutely untrue. Both the dreadnoughts are safe in harbor.

The German report that the entire British battle fleet was engaged is equally untrue. A portion of the British fleet much inferior to the total battle fleet of the Germans engaged that fleet and drove it back into harbor. The British control the North sea.

When the battle ended Great Britain had lost the battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible, the cruisers Defence, Black Prince and Warrior and eight torpedo boat destroyers, while the German battleship Pommern had been sent to the bottom by a torpedo and the cruiser Wiesbaden sunk by the British gun fire. In addition several German torpedo craft were missing and the small cruiser Frauenlob had last been seen badly listed and was believed to have gone to the bottom. These losses have all been admitted by Great Britain and Germany.

The British admiralty first announced the battle in the following statement: "On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 31, a naval engagement took place off the coast of Jutland. The British ships on which the brunt of the fighting fell were the battle cruiser fleet and some cruisers and light cruisers, supported by four fast battleships. Among these, the losses were heavy. The German battle fleet, aided by low visibility, avoided a prolonged action with our main forces. As soon as these appeared on the scene, the enemy returned to port, although not before receiving severe damage from our battleships.

"The battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible and the cruisers Defence and Black Prince were sunk. The Warrior was disabled and after being towed for some time had to be abandoned by her crew. It is also known that the destroyers Tipperary, Turbulent, Fortune, Sparrow, Hawk and Ardent were lost, and six others are not yet accounted for. No British battleships or light cruisers were sunk.

"The enemy's losses were serious. At least one battleship cruiser was destroyed, and one was severely damaged. One battleship is reported to have been sunk by our destroyers. During the night attack, two light cruisers were disabled and probably sunk. The exact number of enemy destroyers disposed of during the action cannot be ascertained with any certainty, but must have been large."

Later the British admiralty made the announcement that the total number of British destroyers lost in the engagement was eight. The statement added that of three German cruisers, either the Dröflinger or Latow was blown up, and another was seen to have been disabled, and a third to be seriously damaged.

One German light cruiser and six German torpedo boat destroyers were sunk, and at least two more light cruisers were disabled.

GERMAN FLEET WITHDREW
According to Captain of Danish Steamer Who Saw Battle.

Copenhagen, June 2, via London, June 3, 2:30 a. m.—The captain of the Danish steamer Nesborg gives the following account of the sea fight: "When the Nesborg was 55 miles west of Cape Hattus, a few small British warships appeared, pursued by the German fleet. Suddenly the British warships turned and steamed westward, violently shelled. In a few minutes a large number of British dreadnought cruisers appeared from the north and west.

"The British then began attacking the German ships, which were reinforced by a large number of ships from the south along the west coast of Jutland. A violent fight commenced. The sky seemed filled with smoke and the sea was in a state of uproar. Shells fell around my steamer, although we were several miles away.

"During the fight the commanding was so violent that our crew could not stand on the deck. We saw several large war-

ships sunk, but I am unable to say whether they were British or German.

"At last the German fleet withdrew southward, pursued by the British, while several more British warships appeared, coming from the westward. The German fleet was divided into two parts, one of which escaped. The fate of the other fleet I do not know."

ZEPPELINS PARTICIPATED.
One of Them Was Hit Several Times and Badly Damaged.

London, June 3.—Six Zeppelins participated in the naval engagement off the coast of Jutland Wednesday, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to The Daily Mail. One of the dirigibles, the L-24, was hit several times and badly damaged, the report says, but she was able to reach the Schleswig coast after a narrow escape. Several of her men were wounded, and all of her supplies had to be thrown overboard.

A despatch from the same source declares it is generally stated in Berlin that the activity of the German fleet was due to the energetic demands of Emperor William to his brother, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, commander-in-chief of the navy, and Admiral Von Capelle, minister of the navy, on the emperor's visit last week to Wilhelmshaven.

BRITISH PUBLIC SHOCKED
Over the News Which Told of Serious British Losses.

London, June 3.—After rumors had been flying about all day that a naval battle had occurred in the North sea the British public was given news by the admiralty last evening that sent a painful shock throughout the country.

The news was flashed out in special editions of the evening newspapers and caused great consternation in the west of London than had been witnessed on any previous occasion since the declaration of war. The frankness of the admiralty announcement concerning the serious nature of the British losses and the apparently small losses of the Germans in comparison led to the assumption in most minds that the British vessels must have been led into a mine field.

GERMANS ARE ELATED.
At "Victory" Over the "Mightiest" Fleet of the World.

Berlin, via London, June 3.—The German press comments extensively on the battle in the North sea between the German and British fleets. Captain Prince, naval expert of the Tagblatt, says: "Our high seas fleet in open battle and without any support of coast fortifications gave a victorious battle to the mightiest fleet in the world. The whole of Germany thanks the commander-in-chief and the commanders of crews. Our losses were extraordinarily small while England's were extraordinarily large."

The Tages Zeitung says: "Our fleet has resisted brilliantly in this battle—the greatest which has been fought since the invention of steel plated armor—and our flag has been covered with everlasting glory."

In the Reichstag Dr. Johannes Kaempf, president of the chamber, in referring to the battle, said that though Germany's losses had been heavy those of Great Britain had been much heavier. Dr. Kaempf expressed the nation's gratitude to the navy.

FAVORITE SON CAMP THROB.
But the Main Fight Seems to Be Between Hughes and T. R. Men.

Chicago, June 3.—There were numerous conferences between party leaders yesterday, but so far as could be learned no agreement on candidates was reached and there was no development that accurately indicated which candidate is likely to be nominated for president by the Republican national convention.

While on the surface the fight appears to be between Roosevelt and Hughes, there was a marked increase in activity at the headquarters of the various "favorite son" candidates. Managers of the Root, Weeks, Burton, Fairbanks and Sherman booms insist that their candidates would remain in the fight until the end. They declared, after tabulating the vote, claimed for Roosevelt, that the successful candidate would either be one of the "favorite sons" or a dark horse.

The plan of the old organization leaders is said to be to try and win first with Root and if they fail in this effort to give Burton, Weeks, Fairbanks and Sherman a try out in the convention in the order named. In the event of failing to put over any of these the plan is to try and win with a dark horse, according to reports in circulation.

Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, and Governor McCall of Massachusetts, were mentioned as dark horse possibilities.

Friends of Roosevelt giving him will after the formality of claiming the "favorite son" candidate a complimentary vote has been disposed of, while Hughes supporters declared their candidate would be nominated early in the proceedings.

After his all day conference Senator Penrose said he was still of an open mind with regard to whom he will finally support for president. Asked if his conference with various leaders did not indicate to him the drift of sentiment the senator said:

"I did not put any of them down to the dot, and I do not know yet what the sentiment of the convention will be. Most of the delegates you know are coming uncommitted; the majority from Pennsylvania a high class set of men will arrive here with open minds. It is still too early to foresee what the convention will do."

Mrs. Julia Newton of West Topsham was among the business visitors in town yesterday.

FORT
VAUX
NEXT

Germans Begin to Concentrate Their Attention on the Interior Works of the French Stronghold Next in Line After Fort Douaumont on the Road to the City of Verdun

REPEATED ATTACKS
GAIN DEEP DITCH

But French Claim to Hold Interior Works of the Trench Which Lies North of the Main Positions—Attacks to West of Fille Morte Were Beaten Back

Paris, June 3.—In the course of repeated and violent attacks last night on Fort Vaux on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, the Germans penetrated a deep ditch north of the main French position. The interior of the works, the war office announcement says, is still held by the French. Except for this gain the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

Spirited fighting continued in the Argonne, west of the Verdun sector. Two German attacks west of Fille Morte were beaten back.

London, June 3.—Again the Germans have tried, but ineffectually, to breach the French line near Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun. In fighting, characterized by Paris as having been of unprecedented violence, the Germans threw attack after attack against the French line, but the French guns and machine guns tore great holes in their ranks and threw them back. Reinforcing battalions were caught by the French guns as they essayed to throw themselves into the fray and were forced to retreat in disorder northeastward upon Dieppe.

At one point, however, in the sector of Damour, east of Fort Vaux, the Germans captured a portion of the village, the other parts of which are occupied by the French. To the west of the Meuse around Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, both sides are engaged in heavy artillery duels.

On the Russian front the Germans against have brought the Ikskull bridgehead under bombardment and at several other points along the line are using their big guns against the Russians. An infantry attack near New Zealand was put down by the Russians.

Rome reports desperate fighting between the Austrians and Italians between the Adige and Brenta rivers. Along the Posina and southwest of Asiago Austrian attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties. Bombardments predominate along the greater part of this remainder of the front.

Constantinople says the Russian center in the Caucasus region has been forced to retire twenty kilometers in the face of Turkish attacks and that the Turks repulsed a surprise attack on the Turkish left line.

DESPERATE FIGHT
FOR MONT CONGO,
HELD BY ITALY

Official Statement at Rome Says the Austrians Are Making Incessant and Vigorous Infantry Attacks.

Rome, via London, June 3.—An official announcement from the Italian war office, published to-day, says: "An intense and desperate struggle is taking place along our positions south of the Assa valley as far as Asiago. Our troops are still masters of the lower plateau of Mont Congo, where they are resisting vigorous and incessant infantry attacks, supported by a bombardment of extreme violence."

AUSTRIANS CLAIM SUCCESS.
Advance into Italy Is Continuing Unchecked, Says Vienna.

Berlin, via wireless, June 3.—The Austro-Hungarian advance into Italy in southern Tyrol is continuing unchecked, according to Friday's statement from the Vienna war office. In the district of Arco, the Austro-Hungarians have captured several more positions of strategic importance.

NO PROBATION GIVEN.

Mrs. Louise Gomez of Montpelier Gets Six Months' Minimum.

In Montpelier city court to-day Mrs. Louise Gomez of that city, who earlier in the week pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping liquor illegally, was sentenced to serve not less than six months and not more than 12 months in the house of correction at Rutland, after the woman had told the court that she was unable to pay a fine. Her attorney, E. R. Davis of Barre, asked for probation for the woman, but the court refused to accede.

RUSH G. ESTEE
PERHAPS DROWNED

Son of Ex-Mayor and Mrs. J. B. Estee of Montpelier Was Yachting on Lake Superior When He Disappeared.

Rush G. Estee, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Estee of State street, Montpelier, and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has been missing since Wednesday night and the police of Duluth, Minn., are searching the city and bay for the young man. Mr. Estee has been traveling with Kenneth Van Riper and party on a pleasure yacht on the Great Lakes, the boat docking Wednesday evening in the Duluth harbor. He was seen to leave the boat, presumably to go ashore, by his friends and has failed to return or make known his whereabouts since that time.

Mr. Estee was born in Wisconsin and as his parents came east about the time he entered college he has not resided in Montpelier for any definite period. He was graduated from Columbia college in 1908 and for three years has been a member of the Stock Exchange. He is 30 years old. The dispatches telling of the fears are as follows:

Duluth, Minn., June 3.—The waters of Duluth harbor are being dragged for the body of Rush G. Estee, member of the New York Stock Exchange, missing for two days from the yacht Rambler, on which he had been the guest of Kenneth B. Van Riper of New York.

The belief that he was drowned is based on the finding of an empty canoe a mile from the yacht. He had left the yacht in this canoe Wednesday night, and it was found at 5 o'clock Thursday morning.

Mr. Estee had been invited to join the yachting party because his friends thought that he needed a vacation. Some of them said that his disappearance must have been caused by an attack of mental aberration due to overwork. He had not rested from business in eight years.

The broker, who is 30 years old, went out alone in the canoe at the afternoon. He did not return and the yacht about the Rambler had dinner without him, believing that he would be found on some other yacht near by. They were anchored off the Duluth Yacht club. Later in the evening when he did not return, they visited the yachts in the harbor, but no one had seen him. A search of the bay all night revealed nothing. One of the searching parties came across the empty canoe at 5 o'clock in the morning. They immediately notified the police.

New York, June 3.—A letter at the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity house, 608 West 113th street, that Rush G. Estee was a member of the fraternity and made his home at the chapter house there. He was a bachelor. About 10 days ago he was at the house and spoke of taking a yachting trip.

He was head of the New York Stock Exchange firm of R. G. Estee & Co. of 82 Broadway. He was graduated from Columbia several years ago, and admitted to membership in the Stock Exchange in 1913. For a year he was board member of the firm of Gilbert Elliott & Co. of 27 Pine street. He was a member of Columbia university and Greenwich Country club.

Members of the board of governors of the Stock Exchange refused yesterday to affirm or deny or comment in any way upon the report that Estee had gotten into difficulty on the exchange over alleged violations of the rules of the institution. The governors were asked whether or not a hint had been given him to take an opportunity to sell his membership.

Kenneth B. Van Riper, on whose yacht Estee was a guest, had invited him to accompany him on the first trial of the vessel on the Great Lakes. The yacht, which is about 150 feet in length, was recently purchased in New York waters and sent west by way of the St. Lawrence river and the canal. According to the missing man's friends, his difficulties with the Stock Exchange authorities affected him deeply.

AUTO WENT DOWN BANK.
But Two Adults and Infant Were Not Much Hurt.

Burlington, June 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Truman Wisell and two-month-old baby of 179 North Winslow avenue had a narrow escape Thursday night from what might have been a serious accident as they were motoring along the Colchester road when the front spring broke, putting the steering gear out of order and sending the car down a 16-foot embankment.

The Wisells started out shortly after supper Thursday evening for Essex Junction to obtain an automobile license. Before going directly there, Mr. Wisell decided to transact some business with a friend who lived further on. On the Colchester road several bad holes were encountered and in going through one of them the front spring snapped, throwing the steering gear out of order so that Mr. Wisell lost control and the machine turned to the right and was over the embankment. At the bottom it stopped, throwing Mr. Wisell against the wheel, but injuring him only slightly. Mrs. Wisell suffered a bruised hip. The child, however, was uninjured. The machine was taken to the Ideal garage Friday.

FELL NEAR TRACK.
C. W. Holland of Rutland Was Seriously Hurt.

Rutland, June 3.—C. Wesley Holland of No. 80 Brown street, a conductor on the Rutland railroad, was quite seriously though not fatally injured in the railroad yards at Burlington yesterday, when he fell between two freight cars to the ground below. He received a severe scalp wound, badly wrecked arm and shoulder, bruised hip and sprained ankle. He was brought to this city yesterday morning and taken to his home by automobile, where he was attended by Dr. James M. Hamilton, a railroad surgeon.

The train was moving at the time, but the exact cause of Mr. Holland's fall is not known. He was not asked to discuss the accident much yesterday, his injuries compelling him to remain quiet. His life was probably saved by an unconscious movement in kicking himself away from the rails where he was sure to have met death.

NAVAL BILL
TRIUMPHS

Passed by the House with Only Four Votes in Opposition

\$269,900,000 SET FOR ALL FEATURES

Sixty-Nine Warships Are to Be Constructed; Also 130 Airships

Washington, D. C., June 3.—The second of the big preparedness measures, a naval appropriation bill larger by many millions than any ever before considered in Congress, passed the House late yesterday almost unanimously. It carries a building program for next year of five battle cruisers, four scout cruisers, 10 destroyers, 50 submarines and 130 aeroplanes, provides for a government armor plant, authorizes an increase of nearly 17,000 enlisted men and appropriates a total of \$269,900,000.

As passed, the bill is in substantially the same form as framed by the naval committee. Only a few amendments were adopted during a week of debate, and a final effort by Republican leaders to have the measure recommitted with instructions to add two battleships, two scout cruisers, and 10 destroyers was beaten 189 to 183. The fight for an increase in the building program at least by the addition of two battleships will be renewed in the Senate when the measure is taken up there late this month and administration leaders believe it will be successful.

Only four representatives voted against passage of the bill to 358 favoring it, and as the roll-call progressed the overwhelming majority of "ayes" stirred the Democrats to repeated cheering. The four negative votes were cast by Representatives Browning, New Jersey, and Graham, Pennsylvania; Randall, California, Prohibitionist, and London, New York, Socialist.

With passage of the bill, the House completed the major portion of its share in the preparedness program. Of the three bills carrying the important provisions of the program—the army, naval and fortifications measures—only the last-named remains to be considered. It probably will be taken up in the House after the national conventions, while the Senate is debating the naval bill.

Other provisions added during debate carry \$11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant, \$7,000,000 for enlargement of the navy yards at Boston, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Charleston, New Orleans and Puget sound, where battleships will be constructed, \$2,700,000 for increasing the navy's personnel and \$1,500,000 for aeroplanes. The armor plant provision already has passed the Senate as a separate bill.

Reorganization plans recommended by Secretary Daniels, including increasing the duties and authority of the chief of operations, are authorized in a measure, and provision is made for building up a strong reserve for the enlisted personnel.

FUNERAL OF E. W. HUNTLEY
Called Many Mourners—Floral Tributes Were Beautiful.

Waterbury, June 3.—The funeral of Eber W. Huntley, known as Judge Huntley, was held Thursday afternoon, each of the services being in his native town of Duxbury, where he had lived for nearly 77 years and was serving his 43th year as town clerk and treasurer. At 1:30 o'clock a service was held at his late home, where a large number of relatives gathered and where about 60 of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities were in waiting to escort the body of their friend and brother to the town hall, where at 2:30 a public service was held. At both of these Rev. William L. Boicourt, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated, assisted by Rev. George E. Ladd of Woodstock, who was pastor of the local church at the time of the decease of Mrs. Huntley.

While the large numbers were entering the hall, "Face to Face" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" were softly rendered by Stanley Buzzell, cornet, and Dr. E. J. Foster at the organ. During the service E. G. Miller sang Herbert Johnson's "I Shall Be Forgotten." Although it was the wish of the deceased that no flowers be used and that which was given out as far as possible, many were received.

Completely covering the lower part of the casket was a blanket of flowers given by the Masonic and Odd Fellows organizations, having in appropriate colors of flowers the symbols of the Blue Lodge, Eastern Star chapter, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. "A Sheaf of Wheat" and the arranging of the hall showed the sympathy of Dillingham grange. During the leaving the hall, funeral marches were played by Dr. Foster. The burial service was under Winslow lodge, No. 49, of which Mr. Huntley had been a member 34 years, the ritual work being given by C. C. Graves, Dr. E. J. Foster acting as chaplain.

Among the relatives present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huntley and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stevens of Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barney and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Huntley of Essex Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bailey of Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mills and Mr. and Mrs. George Runney of Middlesex, Mrs. H. O. Ward, R. S. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ward of Moretown and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward of Moretown. Members of the Senate of 1908 came, also members of the fraternal societies and friends of Washington county from nearly every town in the county, Richmond and Stowe. Members of Queen Esther chapter, No. 7, of which Mr. Huntley was the first pastor, of Emerald Rebekah lodge, No. 33, and Dillingham grange attended in a body before the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, who had the service in the cemetery.

Those present from out of town included Mrs. Alice Broughton and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of East Randolph, Mrs. Julia Peabody of Brookfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Young of Chelsea, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newhall of Middlesex, Mrs. Ann Wellington and Mrs. Emily Culley of St. Albans.

The floral tributes was as follows: Carnations, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Newhall; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett; wreath, Mrs. and Mamie White; wild flowers, Misses Clark and Philbrick.

IN PROBATE COURT.

Administrators of Estate of Late George B. Milne Appointed.

In Washington county probate court, Mrs. Caroline B. Milne and Virgil E. Ayers have been appointed administrators of the estate of George B. Milne, late of Barre, who died in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Caroline B. Milne was appointed guardian for George Edmund Milne.

26 CANDIDATES
ENTERED SHRINE;
BANQUET HELD

Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens of Portland, Me., Was Guest of Honor at Ceremonial in Montpelier, Attended By About 600 Members.

With Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens of Portland, Me., as their guest, 600 members of Mount Sinai temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, gathered in Montpelier yesterday afternoon and evening for a banquet, ceremonial session and the initiation of candidates. Potentate Stevens, who is returning home from Honolulu, Hawaiian islands, where he inspected a temple, was escorted from the hotel to the armory hall at 6 o'clock by a procession of Shriners numbering about 200, headed by the Shrine band, W. J. Tyndall, director, and the Arab patrol in their drill uniforms.

The imperial potentate gave a highly interesting address to the diners and was accorded a hearty reception. He is the first New England Shriner to be elected to the office in 47 years and has established a record for the number of inspections made. He is an honorary member of Mount Sinai temple.

The banquet was followed by the ceremonial session in the city hall auditorium, a concert being given by the band and 26 candidates were initiated. They were Frank R. Pitkin, Orville N. Kew and H. M. Farnham, Montpelier; Nelson Phelps, Barre; Bernard Jacobs, William McCain, Lancaster, N. H.; Philip A. Fletcher, Oscar E. Beck and Charles L. Harpham, St. Johnsbury; E. J. Hendon, Burlington; Milton S. Bostwick, C. H. Cota, St. Albans; Norman H. Fletcher, Bridport; Harry Dickens, Orleans; Martin E. Wyman, Jr., Gayville; L. C. Spaulding, Woodstock; H. M. Smith, Lyndonville; H. Lee Hatch, Randolph; Robert W. Tabor, Christie B. Crowell, Brattleboro; Walter L. Martin, Walter W. Russell, Springfield; Frank W. Kendall, Bellows Falls; William A. Winsor, Ethan Allen; Alex J. Smith and William McDonald, South Ryegate.

THE SCHOOL'S MISSION.

As Related by Vermont's New Superintendent of Education.

Rutland, June 3.—That there is need of a system where the school can in a measure control the home, the farm, the shop, the church and the street, morally, educationally and conversationally, was a point emphasized by Milo B. Hillegas of Montpelier, state commissioner of education, who addressed about 40 school superintendents and directors at the annual meeting of the Rutland county officials here yesterday. Mr. Hillegas pointed out that the churches teach many things which are diametrically opposed to what we wish, the conversation and association on the farms and in the shops are liable to be degrading, we have no assurance that parents are fitted to give their children early instruction and the conduct of the boys and girls of the streets cannot be properly governed.

He urged that there be some institution which would give society proper control of all this and that this institution be the school.

Dr. C. F. Dalton of Burlington, as secretary of the Vermont state board of health, discussed school sanitation. He told the school men that the schools are the greatest problem with which the towns have to deal; be placed it ahead of the question of good roads, good stores and good hotels. Too much dependence is placed on the teacher. She cannot make good citizens with books alone. Environment counts for a lot and thus good school plants are needed.

MAY INCREASE TAX RATE.

To Make Up for Shortage in Book Account Appraisals.

A shrinkage of nearly \$340,000 in the 1916 grand list is anticipated as a result of the law affecting the appraisal of book accounts, and the decrease will mean a corresponding falling off of the revenue derived by the city from the tax rate, which remains to be fixed by the council. Thus far the aldermanic finance committee has devoted much of its time to figuring ways and means for retrenching in the face of the defection, but no recommendation for a tax rate upon which the 1916 budget is to be figured has been brought before the city council.

The revenue from the grand list, it is expected, will be around \$62,000, which is \$3,700, or thereabouts, short of what it would have been had book accounts been taxed. The above estimate, it is said, is made on the basis of a \$2.40 tax rate.

FUNERAL AT WEST TOPSHAM.

That of Miss Louise Sargent Attended By Many Friends.

The funeral of Miss Louise Sargent, who died Monday night, was held from the house at West Topsham Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. S. K. Meek officiating. There was singing by the church choir. Burial was in the West Topsham cemetery. The bearers were George Tillotson, Frank Mills, Vernal Culley and Amos Jewett.

Those present from out of town included Mrs. Alice Broughton and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of East Randolph, Mrs. Julia Peabody of Brookfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Young of Chelsea, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newhall of Middlesex, Mrs. Ann Wellington and Mrs. Emily Culley of St. Albans.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

Charles Rabbitt, who has been visiting in town for a number of days, returned to his home in Brantree yesterday.

Dan A. Perry of the D. A. Perry Real Estate agency, returned from Boston last evening after spending several days there on business.

Stern measures of repression are to be used by the police this year in reducing the number of violations where the traffic and automobile statutes are concerned. Last night Chief Sinclair and Officer David Henderson attempted to obtain information regarding a couple of autoists whose cars were whizzing up North Main street at a dangerous rate of speed. Number plates and other tell tale appendages of the cars were lost in a cloud of dust kicked up by the fleeing motor cars. A few moments later, two other cars were stopped near Maple avenue, the names of the drivers jotted down in the police notebook and other evidence gathered. It was alleged that the two drivers were racing. This morning Russell Allen, said to be a sales agent, and Alex A. Milne were brought into city court on police warrants charging them with driving in a careless and negligent manner.

BROODING LED
TO SUICIDE

George Cozens of Berlin Was Depressed Over His Daughter's Absence

SHE LEFT WITH MAN HE DISAPPROVED OF

Cozens Went to Barn and Shot Himself in Head with a Rifle

Brooding over the disappearance of his daughter, who ran away three weeks ago yesterday with a young man of whom he did not approve, George Cozens, a well-to-do farmer residing in Berlin, near the Berlin-Montpelier line, committed suicide about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a rifle. The act was committed in the barn and he died within a few minutes after he was found, the shot having been heard by those about the farm buildings. He had been despondent ever since his daughter left home three weeks ago, and her whereabouts is not yet known to the family.

Mr. Cozens was 47 years old and was born in Norfolk, England, coming to Montpelier about thirty years ago. For many years he lived with E. W. Bugbee in Montpelier and about 15 years ago purchased the Oliver Clark farm in Berlin, just over the Montpelier line.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Elizabeth and George and Florence, and one brother in England. The funeral arrangements had not been completed this forenoon.

Mr. Cozens had many friends in Berlin and Montpelier; was a naturalized citizen and owned one of the finest farms in that part of Berlin.

TOP OF HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Ashley E. Dodge of Johnson Used Shotgun on Self.

Johnson, June 3.—The body of Ashley E. Dodge, about 45 years old, was found yesterday at his home with the top of his head blown off apparently by a shotgun. Mr. Dodge is survived by his wife and one child, one brother, Frank Dodge of Johnson, and two sisters, Frank E. E. Holmes of Johnson and Mrs. Harvey McLean of Arlington. The body was found by Winifred Davis, a neighbor.

GUILTY IN TEN COUNTS.

Edward C. Flint Secured Opium on Forged Prescriptions.

Windsor, June 3.—Two years at the federal prison at Atlanta was the sentence given here yesterday in United States district court in the case of Edward C. Flint, charged with having in his possession, unlawfully, opium and drugs secured by forged prescriptions. The jury was out scarcely five minutes. He was found guilty on ten counts. It is believed that this sentence for the violation of the narcotics law will have widespread effect in showing that the government is determined to punish offenders. Judge H. R. Howe presided. United States District Attorney V. A. Bullard of Burlington prosecuted.

Mrs. Florence Flint, Edward Flint's wife, pleaded guilty to the indictment against her and threw herself upon the mercy of the court. Her case was taken under advisement by the court, and it is probable that she will be sent to some institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Flint were arrested at Winslow on Feb. 29 by Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Fred Whittemore of Burlington, after they had secured morphine and cocaine in Burlington and Winslow on forged doctor's certificates. Since their arrest, they have been in the Chittenden county jail at Burlington, where they have been undergoing treatment for the drug habit. They were brought here by Deputy United States Marshal Reeves on Wednesday.

THREE CASES ENTERED.

Two General Assumpsit and One Chancery in County Court.

The following general assumpsit cases have been entered in Washington county court: Barre Savings Bank and Trust Co. vs. Mary E. Benedict, and Antonio Gallani vs. Pietro Cattelli. The following chancery suit has also been entered: Florence Batchelder vs. Fred L. Page. The cases are returnable at the September term.